

Amendments to the Claims:

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently Amended) A compound selected from the group consisting of 2,2 dichloro-12-(4-chlorophenyl)-10-hydroxydodecanoic acid and ~~2,2 dichloro-12-(4-chlorophenyl)-10-hydroxydodecanoic acid~~ 2,2 dichloro-12-(4-chlorophenyl)-11-hydroxydodecanoic acid, a salt thereof or an ester thereof.
4. (Currently Amended) A medicine which comprises as an active ingredient a substance selected from 2,2 dichloro-12-(4-chlorophenyl)-10-hydroxydodecanoic acid and 2,2 dichloro-12-(4-chlorophenyl)-11-hydroxydodecanoic acid, a salt thereof or an ester thereof ~~the group consisting of a compound represented by the general formula (1) according to claim 1, a physiologically acceptable salt thereof, and a physiologically acceptable ester thereof, wherein m represents an integer of 0 to 4, n represents an integer of 5 to 9, and W represents CH(OR) (wherein R represents hydrogen atom or a protective group of hydroxyl group) or C(=O).~~

5. (Currently Amended) The medicine according to claim 4 for preventive and/or therapeutic treatment of a disease selected from the group consisting of hyperlipemia, atherosclerosis, diabetes, complications of diabetes, inflammation, and cardiopathy.

6. (Previously Presented) The medicine according to claim 4 in a form of a pharmaceutical composition which further comprises a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

7. (Previously Presented) The medicine according to claim 5 in a form of a pharmaceutical composition which further comprises a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

8. (New) A method of therapeutic treatment of a disease selected from hyperlipemia, atherosclerosis, diabetes, complications of diabetes, inflammation, and cardiopathy, which comprises administering to a mammal a therapeutically-effective amount of compound selected from
2,2 dichloro-12-(4-chlorophenyl)-10-hydroxydodecanoic acid and
2,2 dichloro-12-(4-chlorophenyl)-11-hydroxydodecanoic acid, a salt thereof or an ester thereof.

9. (New) The method according to claim 8, wherein the compound is present in a composition.

10. (New) The method according to claim 8, wherein the mammal is a human.